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SUBJ: NATO COUNCIL MEETING TO HEAR STATEMENT BY TURKISH PERMREP

HELSINKI FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

AMBASSADOR ERALP OF TURKEY READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 29. REPORT OF MEETING TO FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.

BEGIN TEXT
MR. CHAIRMAN,
THE COUNCIL IS AWARE THAT TURKEY AS A RESULT
OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS IS BEING SUBJECTED
TO A COMPLETE ARMS EMBARGO SINCE FEBRUARY 5TH, 1975. WITH
THE RECENT REJECTION BY THE HOUSE OF THE BILL AIMED AT EASING
THESE PROHIBITIONS, THE EMBARGO HAS NOW ACQUIRED AN ENDURING
CHARACTER.

THE EMBARGO COVERS:
A) GRANTS IN AID
B) FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AND CREDITS
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C) PURCHASES FROM THE COMMERCIAL MARKET.

IN SHORT, A COMPLETE EMBARGO. ITS PURPOSE IS
TO INTIMIDATE TURKEY IN ORDER TO INDUCE HER TO ACCEPT A

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CYPRUS POLICY IN LINE WITH THE DESIRE OF CERTAIN ETHNIC GROUPS.

I DO NOT NEED TO STATE THAT SUCH A METHOD IS
BOUND TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS
INTENDED. THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS TOO COMPLEX TO BE SOLVED
THROUGH SUCH PRIMITIVE SIMPLISTIC METHODS.

THIS EMBARGO WILL NO DOUBT CREATE DIFFICULTIES
FOR TURKEY. BUT ITS EFFECT WILL NOT BE ON TURKEY'S CYPRUS POLICY
BUT RATHER ON THE DEFENCE POSTURE OF THE ALLIANCE.

THE FIRST DIFFICULTY CREATED FOR TURKEY WAS THE
DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEFENCE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF 1969 BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE
BASIC PRINCIPLE OF THIS AGREEMENT WAS COOPERATION FOR
COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENCE AND MUTUAL AID TO STRENGTHEN THE
CAPACITY TO RESIST ARMED ATTACK. IT CONTAINED A MORE
SPECIFIC CLAUSE IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO PROVIDE
SUPPORT TO THE TURKISH DEFENCE EFFORTS AT AN APPROPRIATE
LEVEL. THE CONGRESS' DECISIONS NOT ONLY WITHHELD ALL SUCH
SUPPORT BUT ALSO CREATED DELIBERATE DIFFICULTIES TO TURKEY'S
NATIONAL DEFENCE EFFORTS. THEREFORE, THIS ACTION NOT ONLY
OBLITERATED THE BALANCE BETWEEN MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS BUT ALSO
CREATED A SITUATION WHICH WAS ENTIRELY INCOMPATIBLE WITH
THE BASIC PRINCIPLE ON WHICH THIS AGREEMENT WAS BASED.

THE ONLY SOURCE OF COMFORT WAS THE ATTITUDE OF THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION WHICH WAS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE ANOMALIES
AND THE DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH AN ERRONEUS APPROACH.
FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS THEY HAVE MADE VALUABLE EFFORTS TO HAVE
THIS RESOLUTION REPEALED AND MY GOVERNMENT ON ITS PART
ACTED WITH UTMOST RESTRAINT AND PATIENCE DESPITE HEAVY
PRESSURE AND CRITICISM FROM ITS PUBLIC OPINION. WE HAVE
DULY APPRECIATED AND STILL DO THE VALUABLE EFFORTS OF THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO CORRECT THE SITUATION. BUT UNFORTUNA-
TELY THE HOUSE CHOSE TO INSIST ON ITS ATTITUDE. THUS IT
BECAME MORE EVIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT BE
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ABLE TO FULLFILL ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS TURKEY
IN THE FIELD OF BILATERAL DEFENCE COOPERATION.

TURKEY HAVING DONE MORE THAN IT WAS REQUIRED TO DO
TO SAVE THIS COOPERATION HAS BEEN LEFT WITH NO OTHER OPTION
BUT TO TAKE THE DECISION WHICH I WILL NOT OUTLINE. THIS IS NOT
A MEASURE OF RETALIATION. IT IS A POLITICALLY AND LEGALLY
UNAVOIDABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE INSISTENCE OF THE CONGRESS ON
ITS EMBARGO DECISION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE GIST OF THE DECISION OF
MY GOVERNMENT:

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THE PRIMARY MISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF ALL COMMON
DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS, AUTHORIZED TO FUNCTION ON THE TERRITORY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE
ACTIVITIES OF THE INCIRLIK COMMON DEFENCE INSTALLATION,
CONFINED EXCLUSIVELY TO NATO FUNCTIONS WILL BE SUSPENDED
WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 26,1975.

ALL INSTALLATIONS, THE ACTIVITIES OF WHICH ARE
SUSPENDED WILL BE PLACED UNDER THE FULL CONTROL AND CUSTODY
OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES.

AS FOR THE STATUS OF THE U.S. FORCE AND CIVILIAN
COMPONENT REMAINING IN TURKEY AND THAT OF THE INCIRLIK COMMON
DEFENCE INSTALLATION, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A PROVISIONAL
STATUS DETERMINED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN,
THIS STEP TAKEN BY MY GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT
NECESSARILY BE VIEWED AS A RUPTURE OF OUR SECURITY RELATION-
SHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE BILATERAL FIELD. MY
GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE ALREADY INITIATED
NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A NEW BASIS OF COOPERA-
TION. THE NEW CONCEPT WHICH MY GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO
DEVELOP SHOULD ABOVE ALL PROVIDE A RELIABLE AND STABLE GROUND
SECURING A CONTINUOUS AND SUFFICIENT DEFENCE SUPPORT TO THE
TURKISH ARMED FORCES, SO THAT THESE DEFENCE COOPERATION
RELATIONS MAY NEVER AGAIN BE DEPENDENT UPON THE WHIM OR UNPRE-
DICTABLE MOOD OF CERTAIN ETHNIC OR POLITICAL PRESSURE GROUPS.
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I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THE COUNCIL THAT
TURKEY WILL CONTINUE TO BRING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIED
DEFENCE. THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE DEFENCE CAPABILITY OF THE
TURKISH ARMED FORCES IS A FAMILIAR SUBJECT TO THE COUNCIL.
AT THE TIME WHEN THE WORK IS GOING ON IN THIS ALLIANCE ON
WHAT ADDITIONAL MEANS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO TURKEY,
TURKEY IS BEING DEPRIVED EVEN OF THE PRESENT INSUFFICIENT
SOURCES AND IN ADDITION SERIOUS LIMITATIONS ARE BEING PUT ON
ITS NATIONAL EFFORTS. IN SHORT, ITS DEFENCE CAPABILITIES
ARE BEING CONDEMNED BY THE VERY HAND OF ANOTHER ALLY AND THIS
DESPITE ALL STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS BY THIS ALLIANCE THAT
MORE SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR TURKEY'S DEFENCE EFFORTS. THE
COUNCIL WILL AGREE THAT THIS SITUATION WILL IMPOSE SERIOUS
LIMITATIONS ON TURKEY'S SINCERE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT
CONTRIBUTION TO ALLIED DEFENCE UNLESS MEASURES ARE TAKEN
WITHOUT DELAY TO REMEDY THIS SERIOUS SITUATION.

WE HAVE RECENTLY REAFFIRMED IN SUCCESSIVE
SUMMIT MEETINGS LOFTY PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN
MEMBERS OF THIS ALLIANCE. I LEAVE TO THE COUNCIL TO JUDGE
FOR ITSELF THE DAMAGING EFFECT THAT SUCH A SITUATION

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WILL CAUSE ON THE CREDIBILITY OF SUCH DECLARATIONS.

MY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT VIEW THE WHOLE SITUATION AS A MATTER OF CONCERN SOLELY FOR TURKEY. ON THE CONTRARY WE THINK THAT THIS DECISION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS WITH ITS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AND ITS NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ALLIED SECURITY SHOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR THE WHOLE ALLIANCE. THE PRACTICE OF ATTEMPTING TO PUNISH AN ALLY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT BOW TO THE DESIRE OF SOME ETHNIC GROUPS WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE INCLUDING OF COURSE THAT OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY IS A SERIOUS MATTER WHICH IS OUR VIEW THAT ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE SHOULD REFLECT UPON. WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT SUCH REFLECTION WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE COUNCIL. END TEXT.BRUCE

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